

**John Kirkpatrick to George Washington, August 19, 1756, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ESQ.**

WILLIAMSBURG Augt. 19th. 1756 —

SIR.

Capt. Cocks after a Melancholy stay of ten days, Spent in Murmur, Silence, Complaints, Grief, and Remorse, hurrys homewards to taste true happiness in Content & retirement, ... protesting never to risque his fortune to the Caprice of Committeemen hereafter ... declaring his Loss & Sufferings were never to be repaired ... nor expects any Satisfaction, by his being Shifted from Man to Man, for Money—The Governr. sends him to the Committee, they return him to the Governor, & he Referrs to Lord Fairfax, & the Colonels —However his Complaints are, both the Governor & Committee, have delt Generously by him —

By this Muddy Mortall I thought it incumbent to advise You, that I shall be detain'd a Couple of days longer in town, being obliged to leave a Copy of all Accounts as they now have been examined, & stand stated in your Book, so that the next Comittee, will have easy work with you—We was exceeding Lucky in a Committee of Rational & intelligent Beings, who Soon dispatch'd every thing with great Judgement, & Resolved £5000, should be sent you—As I am not inform'd what were all their Results—I can only hint at Some, as their discontinuing the 2d. for Clothing, & 2d. per Month for the Surgeon—from all the Men encreased Dr Craik's pay to 10/, order'd him £50 to defry his extra. expence of Medicines,

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& promis'd he should Suffer nothing at the Years end in that article—&c. &c.—You'll be fully inform'd from the Speaker of Every circumstance—He has promised to compleat the Cash today, but I am afraid it will be in the old Stamp of 4 & 5 pounders ... On Saturday we shall doubtless leave the Town.—Not a Syllable of New to write You —

Excuse haste—I am with Due Deference & Esteem Sir,

Your Much Obligd & Most Obt Hum Servt JNO. KIRKPATRICK.